

A.—Sri M. V. RAMA RAO (Minister for Home).—

- (a) During the year 1964—9 cases.
During the year 1965—None.
- (b) 109 persons.
- (c) No.

Registration of Public Documents.

***Q.—242. Sri V. S. PATIL** (Belgaum—I).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

- (a) why the registration of public documents by photo-zinc method have been stopped at Belgaum Sub-Registrar's Office and since when it was stopped ;
- (b) what is the present method followed in that Sub-Registrar's Office for registration of documents under the Indian Registration Act ;
- (c) how many documents are pending for registration in that Office at present ;
- (d) whether they are aware that inordinate delay is caused for the registration and for supplying of certified copies of the registered documents in the above office ;
- (e) whether they are also aware that the public are put to great hardship due to this delay ;
- (f) the steps they propose to take in this matter ;
- (g) whether there are any Marathi hands in that Office knowing Modi-script ?

A.—Sri M. V. KRISHNAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

- (a) The Government of Maharashtra discontinued the photo-copying of documents in respect of Belgaum Sub-Registrars's Office at the end of 5 years, period stipulated under States Reorganisation Act, 1956. It was stopped from 1st November 1961.
- (b) The method of hand copying is being followed.
- (c) 1,269 documents are pending to be copied.
- (d) There has been some delay in the registration of documents but not in supplying copies of registered documents.
- (e) Yes.
- (f) The existing clerical strength of that Office has been increased to clear the arrears of copying.
- (g) Yes.
